This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A method of generating an electrooptical effect comprising applying a voltage to ~~Use of a liquid crystal composition in~~ a liquid crystal device containing a liquid crystal composition, said composition comprising:

- at least 30 weight%, ~~(~~based on the total weight of the composition,~~)~~ of a component (α) containing one or more compounds having a dielectric anisotropy Δε of at least 25,

  wherein ~~whereby~~ at least 25 weight%, ~~(~~based on the total weight of the composition,~~)~~ of said compounds have a dielectric anisotropy Δε of at least 40; and

- a component (δ) containing one or more compounds each having a ratio of γ_1/T_{NI}^K of 0.51 mPa·s/K or less, a clearing point T_{NI} of at least 100 °C and a rotational viscosity γ_1 of not more than 190 mPa·s, ~~(~~wherein γ_1 is the rotational viscosity at 20 °C in mPa·s and T_{NI}^K is the clearing point in degrees Kelvin~~)~~.

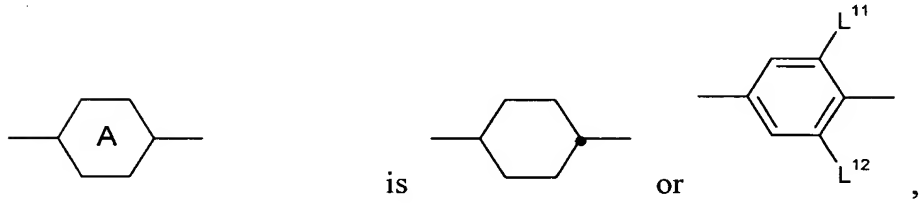
2. (Currently Amended): A method ~~Use of a liquid crystal composition~~ according to claim 1, wherein ~~whereby~~ said liquid crystal device is a zenithal bistable nematic liquid crystal device.

3. (Currently Amended): A method ~~Use of a liquid crystal composition~~ according to Claim 1, wherein ~~whereby~~ said component (δ) comprises at least one compound of formula I

I

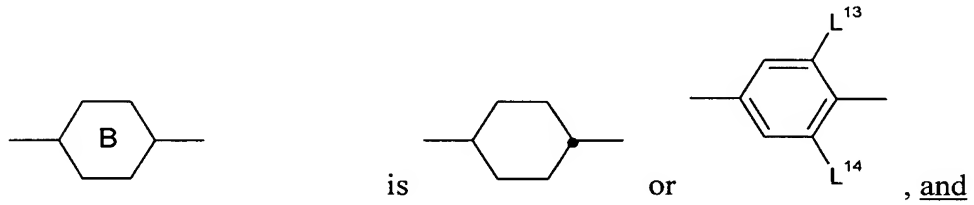
in which

R^{11} and R^{12} are independently of each other C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other;



~~in which~~

L^{11} and L^{12} are independently of each other H or F; ~~and~~

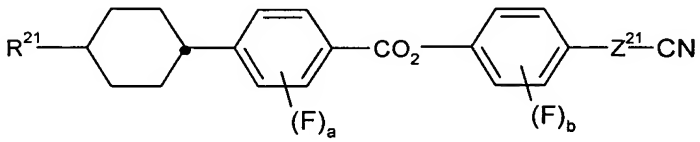


, and

~~in which~~

L^{13} and L^{14} are independently of each other H or F.

4. (Currently Amended): A method ~~Use of a liquid crystal composition~~ according to Claim 1, wherein ~~whereby~~ said component (α) comprises at least one compound of formula II and/or at least one compound of formula III



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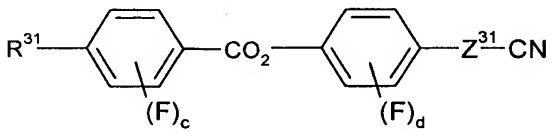

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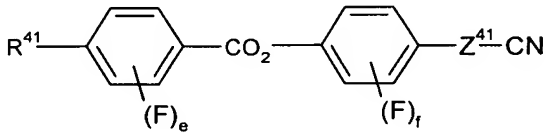
in which

a, b, c and d are independently of each other 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

R^{21}	is C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other;
R^{31}	is C_2-C_{15} alkenyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other; and
Z^{21} and Z^{31}	are independently of each other a single bond or -C≡C-.

5. (Currently Amended): A method ~~Use of a liquid crystal composition~~ according to claim 4, wherein ~~whereby~~ said component (α) comprises at least one compound of formula IV



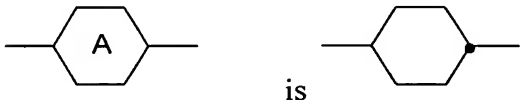
IV

in which

e and f	are independently of each other 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;
R^{41}	is C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other; and
Z^{41}	is a single bond or -C≡C-.

6. (Currently Amended): A method ~~Use of a liquid crystal composition~~ according to Claim 3, wherein ~~whereby in formula I~~

R^{11} is C_2-C_{15} alkenyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other;



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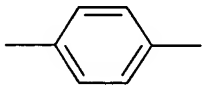

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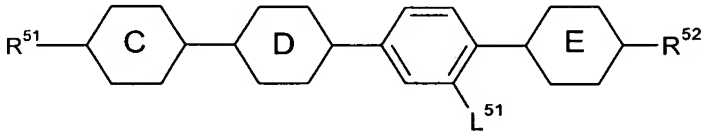
7. (Currently Amended): A method Use of a liquid crystal composition according to Claim 1, wherein ~~whereby~~ said liquid crystal composition further comprises at least 5 weight%, ~~(~~based on the total weight of the composition,~~)~~ of a component (β) comprising at least one compound selected from the ~~group consisting of~~ compounds of formula V, VI, VII, VIII and IX



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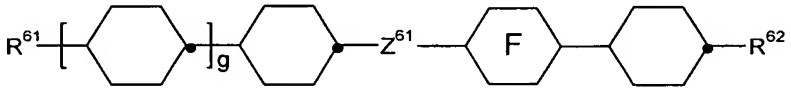

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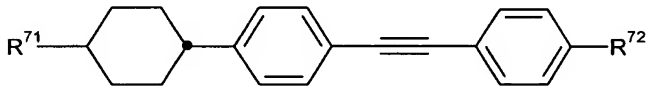

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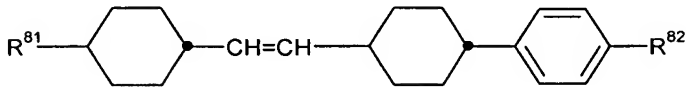

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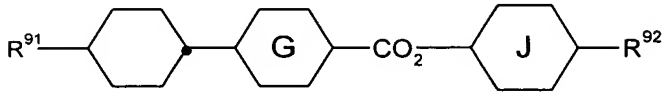


IX

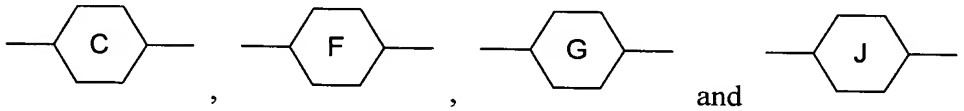
in which

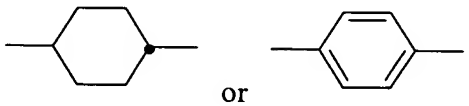
g is 0 or 1;

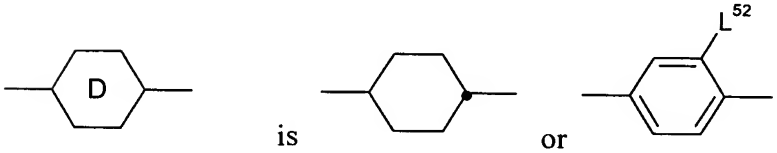
R^{51}, R^{52}, R^{61}, R^{62}, R^{71}, R^{72}, R^{81}, R^{82}, R^{91} and R^{92} are independently of each other C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other;

L^{51} is H or F;

Z^{61} is -CO-O-, -CH_2O-, -OCH_2-, -CF_2O-, -OCF_2-, -CH_2CH_2-, -CF_2CF_2-, -CH_2CF_2-, -CF_2CH_2-, -CH=CH- or -C≡C-;



, , and are independently of each other  or ;



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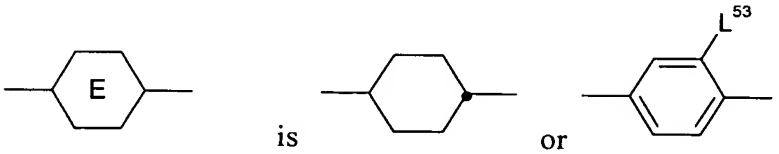


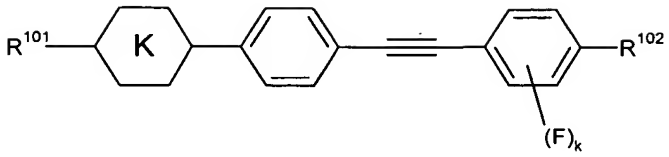
is or ; and

~~in which~~

L^{52} and L^{53} are independently of each other H or F.

8. (Currently Amended): A method ~~Use of a liquid crystal composition~~ according to Claim 1, wherein ~~whereby~~ said liquid crystal composition further comprises at least 3 weight%, ~~(~~based on the total weight of the composition,~~)~~ of a component (γ) containing one or more compounds having an optical anisotropy Δn of at least 0.20.

9. (Currently Amended): A method ~~Use of a liquid crystal composition~~ according to claim 8, wherein ~~whereby~~ said component (γ) comprises at least one compound of formula X



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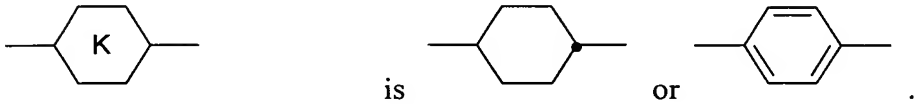
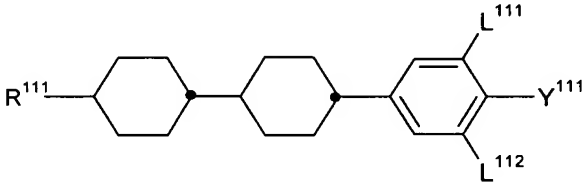
in which

k is 0, 1 or 2;

R^{101} and R^{102} are independently of each other C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other; and



10. (Currently Amended): A method ~~Use of a liquid crystal composition~~ according to Claim 3, wherein ~~whereby~~ said liquid crystal composition further comprises at least one compound of formula XI and/or at least one compound of formula XII and/or at least one compound of formula XIII at least one compound of formula XIV



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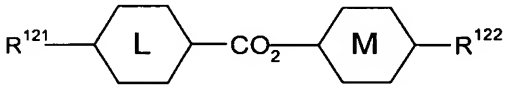

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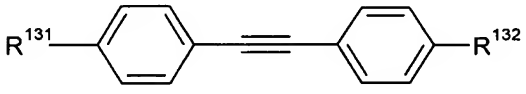

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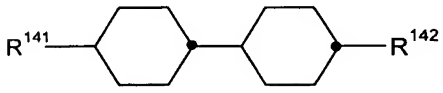


XIV

in which

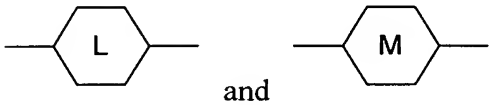
R^{111} and R^{142} are independently of each other C_2-C_{15} alkenyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other;

R^{121}, R^{131}, R^{132} and R^{141} are independently of each other C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other;

R^{122} is C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other;

Y^{111} is F or Cl;

L^{111} and L^{112} are independently of each other H or F; and



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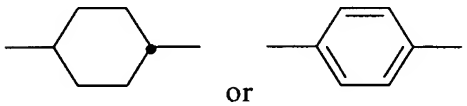


are independently of each other

or .

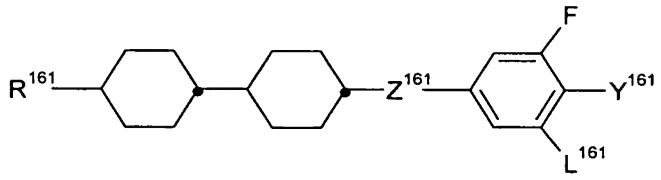
11. (Currently Amended): A method ~~Use of a liquid crystal composition~~ according to Claim 1, wherein ~~whereby~~ said liquid crystal composition comprises at least 50 weight%, ~~(~~based on the total weight of the composition,~~)~~ of said component (α).

12. (Currently Amended): A method ~~Use of a liquid crystal composition~~ according to Claim 1, wherein ~~whereby~~ said liquid crystal composition comprises at least 50

weight%, ~~(~~based on the total weight of the composition,~~)~~ of said component (α) whereby at least 30 weight%, ~~(~~based on the total weight of the composition,~~)~~ of said compounds have a dielectric anisotropy Δε of at least 40.

13. (Currently Amended): A method ~~Use of a liquid crystal composition~~ according to Claim 1, wherein ~~whereby~~ said liquid crystal composition comprises at least 5 weight%, ~~(~~based on the total weight of the composition,~~)~~ of said component (δ).

14. (Currently Amended): A method ~~Use of a liquid crystal composition~~ according to Claim 1, wherein ~~whereby~~ said liquid crystal composition comprises at least one compound of formula XVI and/or XVII and/or of formula XVIII and/or of formula XIX and/or of formula XX and/or of formula XXI and/or of formula XXII:



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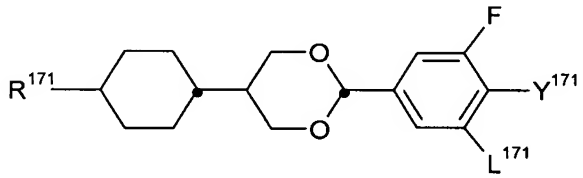

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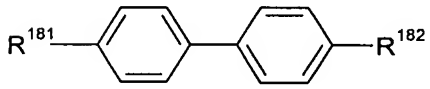

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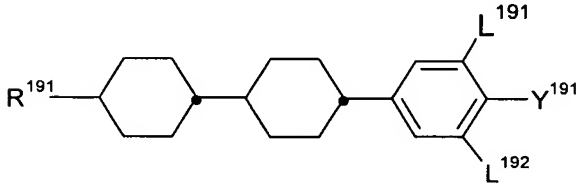

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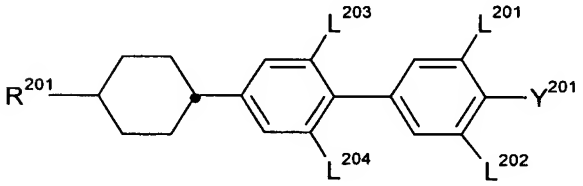

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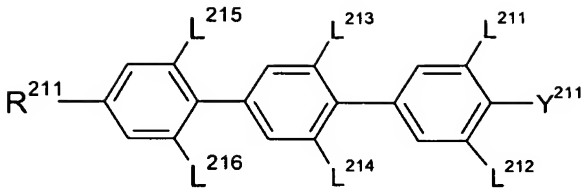

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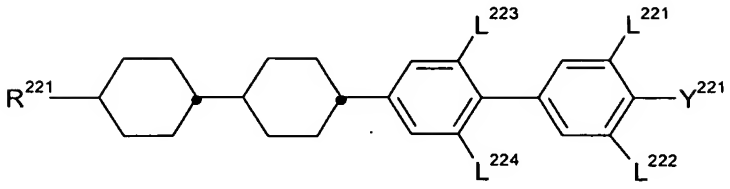


XXII

in which

R^{161}, R^{171}, R^{181}, R^{182}, R^{201}, R^{211} and R^{221} are independently of each other C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other;

R^{191} is C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other;

Y^{161}, Y^{171}, Y^{191}, Y^{201}, Y^{211} and Y^{221} are independently of each other F, Cl, C_1-C_{15} alkanyl or C_2-C_{15} alkenyl that are independently of each other mono- or poly-substituted with halogen, or C_1-C_{15} alkoxy, which is mono- or poly-substituted with halogen;

L^{161}, L^{171}, L^{191}, L^{192}, L^{201}, L^{202}, L^{203}, L^{204}, L^{211}, L^{212}, L^{213}, L^{214}, L^{215}, L^{216}, L^{221}, L^{222}, L^{223} and L^{224} are independently of each other H or F; and

Z^{161} is -CO-O-, CH_2O or CF_2O.

15. (Currently Amended): A liquid ~~Liquid~~ crystal medium comprising

- at least 30 weight%, ~~(~~based on the total weight of the composition,~~)~~ of a component (α) containing one or more compounds having a dielectric anisotropy Δε of at least 25, wherein ~~whereby~~ at least 25 weight%, ~~(~~based on the total weight of the composition,~~)~~ of said compounds have a dielectric anisotropy Δε of at least 40; and

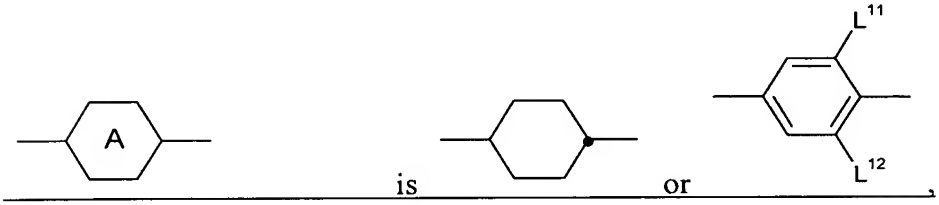
- a component (δ) containing one or more compounds each having a ratio of γ_1/T_{NI}^K of 0.51 mPa·s/K or less, a clearing point T_{NI} of at least 100 °C and a rotational viscosity γ_1 of not more than 190 mPa·s, ~~(~~wherein γ_1 is the rotational viscosity at 20 °C in mPa·s and T_{NI}^K is the clearing point in degrees Kelvin~~)~~;

wherein said component (δ) comprises at least one compound of formula I

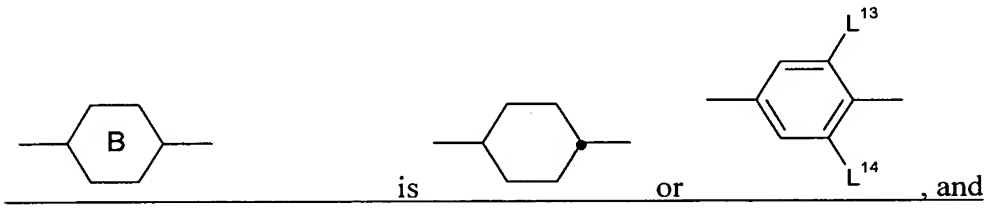
I

in which

R^{11} and R^{12} are independently of each other C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other;



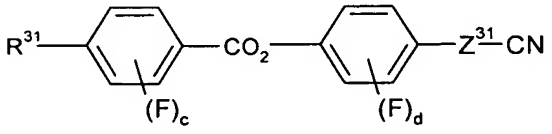
L^{11} and L^{12} are independently of each other H or F; ~~and~~



, and

L^{13} and L^{14} are independently of each other H or F; and

said component (α) comprises at least one compound of formula III



III

in which

c and d are independently of each other 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

R^{31} is C_2-C_{15} alkenyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other; and

Z^{31} is a single bond or -C≡C-.

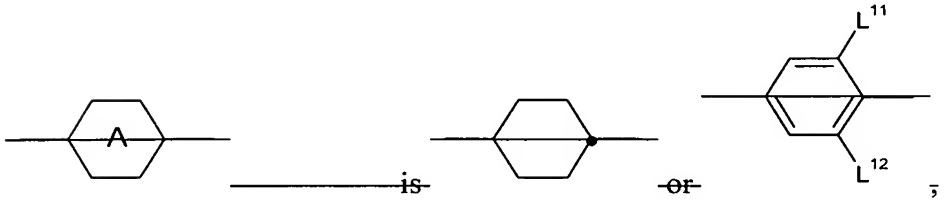
16. (Currently Amended): A liquid ~~Liquid~~ crystal medium according to claim 15, wherein ~~whereby~~

~~• said component (δ) comprises at least one compound of formula I~~

~~I~~

~~in which~~

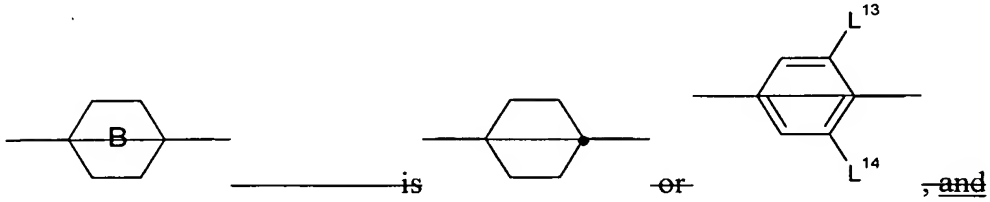
~~R^{11} and R^{12} are independently of each other C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other;~~



;

~~in which~~

~~L^{11} and L^{12} are independently of each other H or F; and~~



~~, and~~

~~in which~~

~~L^{13} and L^{14} are independently of each other H or F;~~

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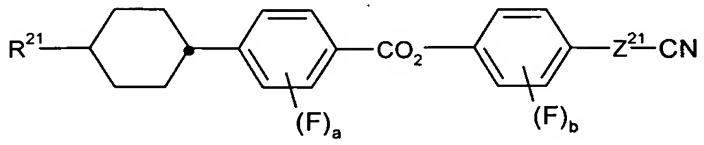
- said component (α) further comprises at least one compound of formula II



II

in which

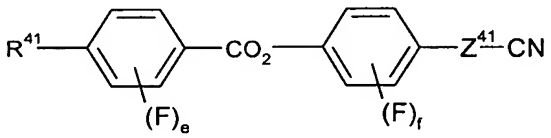
a and b are independently of each other 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

R^{21} is C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other; and

Z^{21} is a single bond or -C≡C-.

17. (Cancelled):

18. (Currently Amended): A liquid ~~Liquid~~ crystal medium according to Claim 16, wherein ~~whereby~~ said component (α) further comprises at least one compound of formula IV



IV

in which

e and f are independently of each other 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

R^{41} is C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other; and

Z^{41} is a single bond or -C≡C-.

19. (Currently Amended): A bistable ~~Bistable~~ liquid crystal device comprising:

- two outer substrates which, together with a frame, form a cell;
- a liquid crystal composition present in said cell; and
- electrode structures with alignment layers on the inside of said outer substrates

wherein ~~whereby~~ at least one alignment layer comprises an alignment grating that permits the compounds of said liquid crystal composition to adopt at least two different stable states and wherein ~~whereby~~ the assembly of said electrode structures with said alignment layers being such that a switching between the said at least two different stable states is achieved by applying suitable electric signals to said electrode structures;

- wherein ~~whereby~~ said liquid crystal composition comprises
- at least 30 weight%, ~~(~~based on the total weight of the composition~~)~~, of a component (α) containing one or more compounds having a dielectric anisotropy Δε of at least 25, wherein ~~whereby~~ at least 25 weight%, ~~(~~based on the total weight of the composition~~)~~, of said compounds have a dielectric anisotropy Δε of at least 40; and
- a component (δ) containing one or more compounds having a ratio of γ_1/T_{NI}^K of 0.51 mPa·s/K or less, a clearing point T_{NI} of at least 100 °C and a rotational viscosity γ_1 of not more than 190 mPa·s, ~~(~~wherein γ_1 is the rotational viscosity at 20 °C in mPa·s and T_{NI}^K is the clearing point in degrees Kelvin~~)~~.

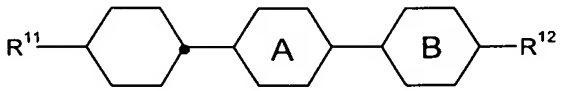
20. (Currently Amended): A bistable ~~Bistable~~ liquid crystal device according to claim 19, wherein ~~whereby~~

- said device is a zenithal bistable nematic liquid crystal device;

and

- said electrode structures with alignment layers on the inside of said outer substrates have at least one alignment layer that comprises an alignment grating that permits the compounds of said liquid crystal composition to adopt at least two different stable states with different pretilt angles in the same azimuthal plane.

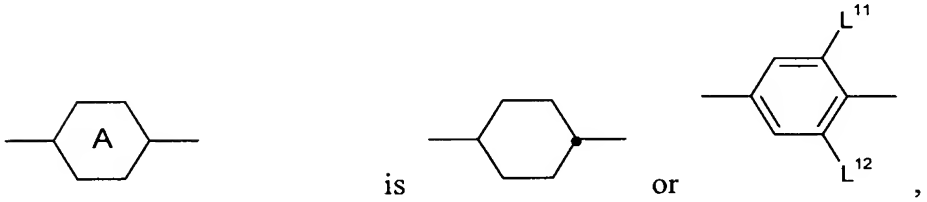
21. (Currently Amended): A bistable ~~Bistable~~ liquid crystal device according to Claim 19, wherein ~~whereby~~ said component (δ) comprises at least one compound of formula I



I

in which

R^{11} and R^{12} are independently of each other C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other;



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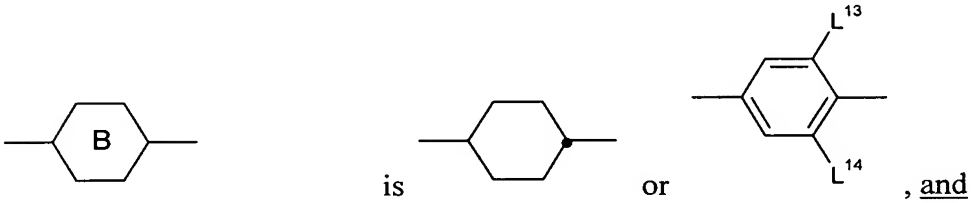
in which

L^{11} and L^{12} are independently of each other H or F; ~~and~~

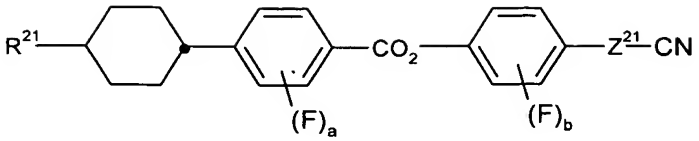


, and

~~in which~~

L^{13} and L^{14} are independently of each other H or F.

22. (Currently Amended): A ~~Zenithal~~ bistable ~~nematic~~ liquid crystal device according to Claim 19, wherein said device is a zenithal bistable nematic liquid crystal device, and ~~whereby~~ said component (α) comprises at least one compound of formula II and/or at least one compound of formula III



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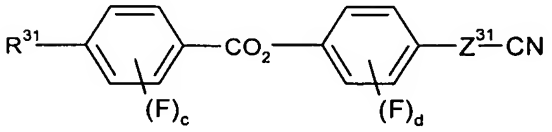


III

in which

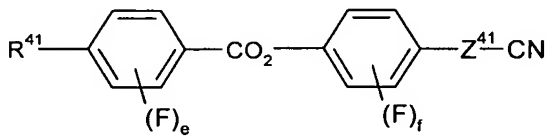
a, b, c and d are independently of each other 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

R^{21} is C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other;

R^{31} is C_2-C_{15} alkenyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other; and

Z^{21} and Z^{31} are independently of each other a single bond or -C≡C-.

23. (Currently Amended): A ~~Zenithal~~ bistable ~~nematic~~ liquid crystal device according to claim 22, wherein ~~whereby~~ said component (α) comprises at least one compound of formula IV



IV

in which

e and f are independently of each other 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

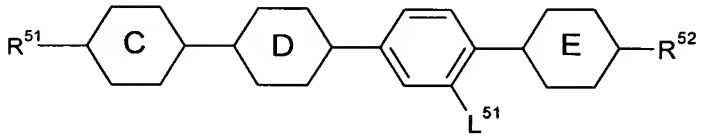
R^{41} is C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or

halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other; and

Z^{41} is a single bond or -C≡C-.

24. (Currently Amended): A ~~Zenithal~~ bistable ~~nematic~~ liquid crystal device according to Claim 21, wherein said device is a zenithal bistable nematic liquid crystal device, and ~~whereby~~ said liquid crystal composition further comprises

- at least 5 weight%, ~~(~~based on the total weight of the composition,~~)~~ of a component (β) comprising at least one compound selected from the ~~group consisting of~~ compounds of formula V, VI, VII, VIII and IX



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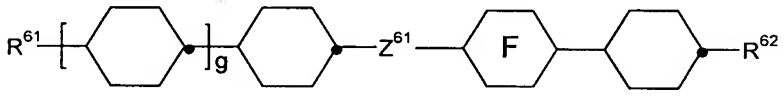

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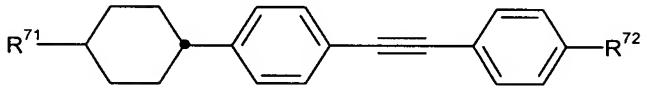

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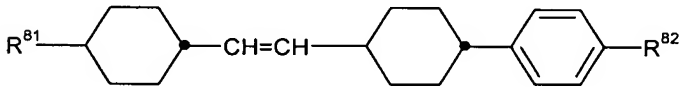

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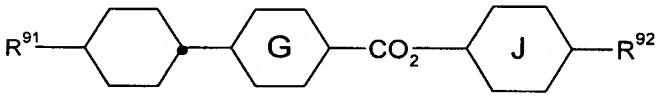

IX

in which

g is 0 or 1;

R^{51}, R^{52}, R^{61}, R^{62}, R^{71}, R^{72}, R^{81}, R^{82}, R^{91} and R^{92} are independently of each other C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other;

L^{51} is H or F;

Z^{61} is -CO-O-, -CH_2O-, -OCH_2-, -CF_2O-, -OCF_2-, -CH_2CH_2-, -CF_2CF_2-, -CH_2CF_2-, -CF_2CH_2-, -CH=CH- or -C≡C-;

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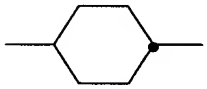
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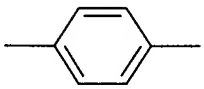
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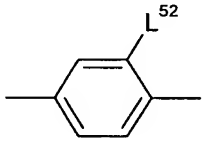

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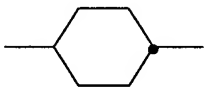
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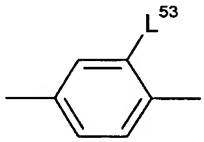


; and

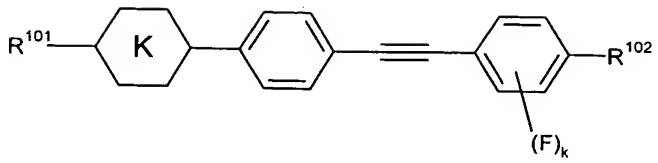
~~in which~~

L^{52} and L^{53} are independently of each other H or F.

25. (Currently Amended): A ~~Zenithal~~ bistable ~~nematic~~ liquid crystal device according to Claim 19, wherein said device is a zenithal bistable nematic liquid crystal device, and ~~whereby~~ said liquid crystal composition further comprises

at least 3 weight%, ~~(~~based on the total weight of the composition,~~)~~ of a component (γ) containing one or more compounds having an optical anisotropy Δn of at least 0.20.

26. (Currently Amended): A ~~Zenithal~~ bistable ~~nematic~~ liquid crystal device according to claim 25, wherein ~~whereby~~ said component (γ) comprises at least one compound of formula X

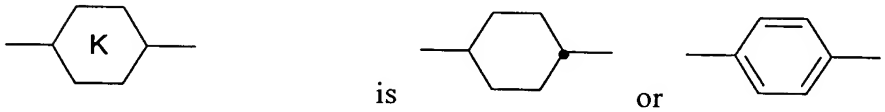


X

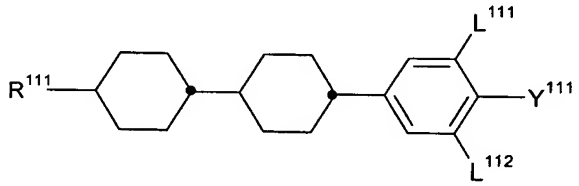
in which

k is 0, 1 or 2;

R^{101} and R^{102} are independently of each other C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other; and



27. (Currently Amended): A ~~Zenithal~~ bistable ~~nematic~~ liquid crystal device according to Claim 21, wherein said device is a zenithal bistable nematic liquid crystal device, and ~~whereby~~ said liquid crystal composition further comprises at least one compound of formula XI and/or at least one compound of formula XII and/or at least one compound of formula XIII at least one compound of formula XIV



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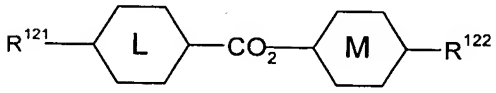

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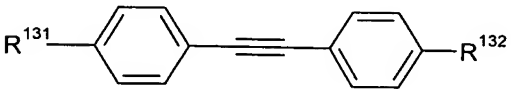

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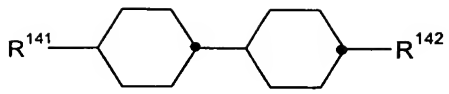


XIV

in which

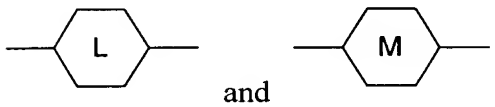
R^{111} and R^{142} are independently of each other C_2-C_{15} alkenyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other;

R^{121}, R^{131}, R^{132} and R^{141} are independently of each other C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other;

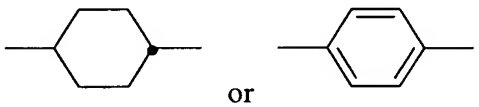
R^{122} is C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other;

Y^{111} is F or Cl;

L^{111} and L^{112} are independently of each other H or F; and



and are independently of each other



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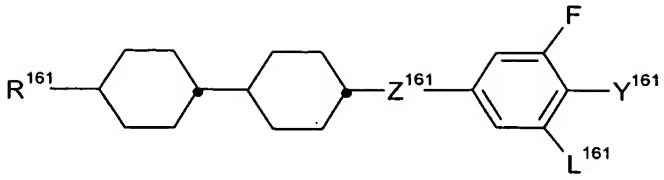
28. (Currently Amended): A ~~Bistable~~ liquid crystal device according to Claim 19, wherein ~~whereby~~ said liquid crystal composition comprises at least one compound of formula XVI and/or XVII and/or of formula XVIII and/or of formula XIX and/or of formula XX and/or of formula XXI and/or of formula XXII:



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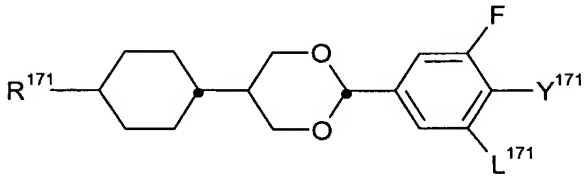

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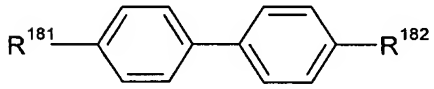

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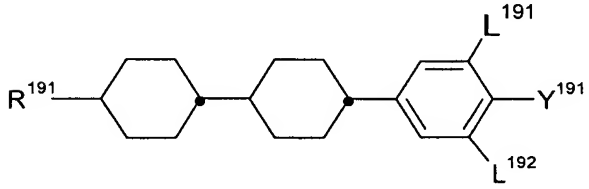

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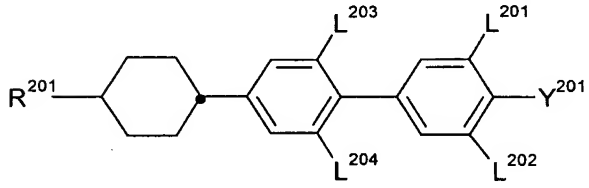

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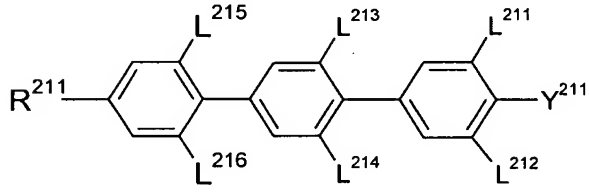

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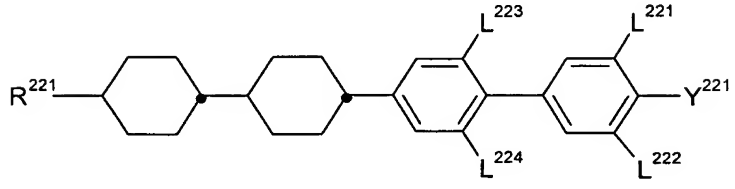


XXII

in which

R^{161}, R^{171}, R^{181}, R^{182}, R^{201}, R^{211} and R^{221} are independently of each other C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by

-O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other;

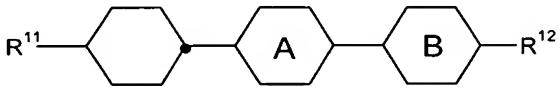
R^{191} is C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other;

Y^{161}, Y^{171}, Y^{191}, Y^{201}, Y^{211} and Y^{221} are independently of each other F, Cl, C_1-C_{15} alkanyl or C_2-C_{15} alkenyl that are independently of each other mono- or poly-substituted with halogen, or C_1-C_{15} alkoxy, which is mono- or poly-substituted with halogen;

L^{161}, L^{171}, L^{191}, L^{192}, L^{201}, L^{202}, L^{203}, L^{204}, L^{211}, L^{212}, L^{213}, L^{214}, L^{215}, L^{216}, L^{221}, L^{222}, L^{223} and L^{224} are independently of each other H or F; and

Z^{161} is -CO-O-, CH_2O or CF_2O.

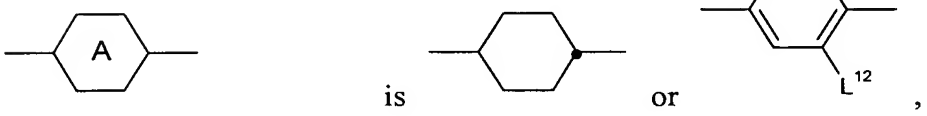
29. (New): A method according to claim 1, wherein said component (δ) comprises at least one compound of formula I



I

in which

R^{11} and R^{12} are independently of each other C_1-C_{15} alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other;



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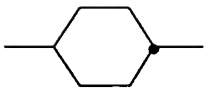
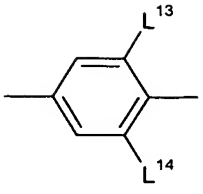
L^{11} and L^{12} are independently of each other H or F; ~~and~~

is  or 

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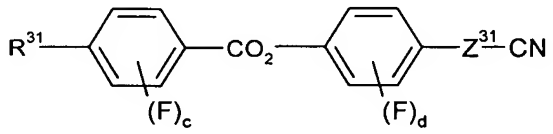
said component (α) comprises at least one compound of formula III



III

in which

c and d are independently of each other 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

R^{31} is C_2-C_{15} alkenyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or poly-substituted with CN or halogen and in which one or more of the CH_2 groups may be replaced independently of each other by -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-O-, -OC-O- such that there are no hetero atoms adjacent to each other; and

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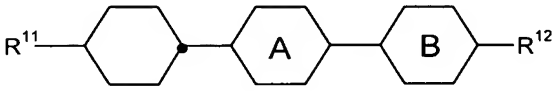
30. (New): A liquid crystal device according to claim 19, wherein said component (δ) comprises at least one compound of formula I



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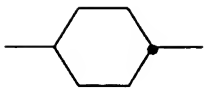
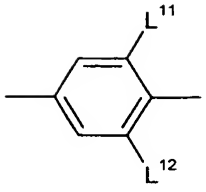
is  or 

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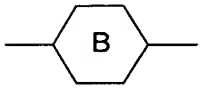
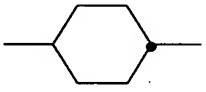
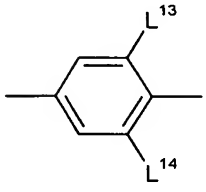


is  or 

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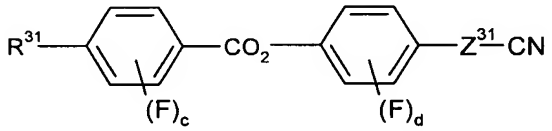

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31. (New): A method according to claim 1, wherein said liquid crystal composition has a clearing point T_{NI} of at least 90 °C.

32. (New): A liquid crystal medium according to claim 15, wherein said liquid crystal medium has a clearing point T_{NI} of at least 90 °C.

33. (New): A liquid crystal device according to claim 19, wherein said liquid crystal composition has a clearing point T_{NI} of at least 90 °C.